

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the TITLE, please insert the following: "This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/144,149 entitled "Year-Round Decorative Lights With Selectable Holiday Color Schemes" filed on May 10, 2002 and claims the benefit thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 of the originally filed application and add new claims 21-40:

21. (New) A decorative lighting apparatus, comprising:
- a housing;
 - a decorating selector which provides a plurality of user-selectable switch settings;
 - logic which includes a microprocessor/microcontroller and memory carried in the housing;
 - the memory including software programmed therein;
 - the memory including programmed data corresponding to a plurality of holiday color schemes, the holiday color schemes including those corresponding to Christmas, Independence Day, and Halloween;
 - the microprocessor/microcontroller being operative in connection with the software to, for each user-selectable switch setting of the decorating selector:
 - identify, based on the user-selectable switch setting, pre-programmed data corresponding to a holiday color scheme; and
 - control, with use of the programmed data, the illumination of a decorative light strand having a plurality of lights in accordance with the holiday color scheme.
22. (New) The decorative lighting apparatus of claim 21, wherein the holiday color schemes further include holiday color schemes corresponding to Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day.